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"METHODS AND KITS FOR ISOLATING BIOLOGICAL TARGET MATERIALS USING SILICA MAGNETIC PARTICLES" Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. No fee is believed due in connection with the amendment. Also enclose is a Terminal Disclaimer and our check in the amount of \$110.00 for the requisite fee.

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